

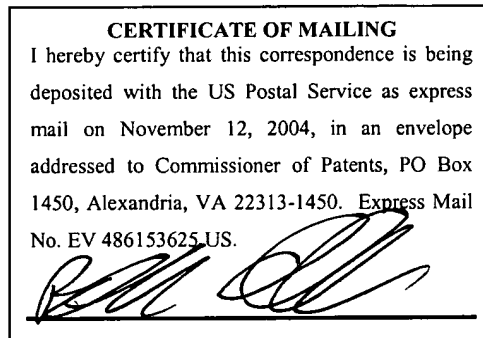


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 10/065,280
Applicants : Leung et al.
Filed : September 30, 2002
Group Art Unit : 3731
Examiner: : Gary Jackson
Docket No. : 013341.000019
Customer No. : 24239
Title : BARBED SUTURES

Confirmation No. 5694

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Brian Coley

AMENDMENT B

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 11, 2004, and having a 3-month term that expired on August 11, 2004. Accordingly, a Petition for a 3-month extension and the requisite Petition fee are enclosed to extend the term up to and including November 11, 2004. As that is a holiday and the US PTO will be closed, the actual extended deadline is November 12, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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